

Service in Action

Recognizing service and volunteerism throughout Maryland



Honoring Extraordinary Marylanders through the 31st Annual Governor's Service Awards!

Seventeen Maryland residents were selected to receive Governor's Service Awards as Category Honorees. Additionally, two residents received special recognition during the ceremony. The recipients were honored on October 9, 2014 during a special ceremony and reception at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, Maryland.

This year marks the 31st year a Maryland Governor has recognized volunteers from around the State at a special recognition event. The recipients reflect the diversity of Maryland and demonstrate its spirit of service. Over the past year, over 1.3 million Marylanders helped tackle some of the major challenges facing the State by donating their time and energy.

Learn more about the 2014 Governor's Service Awards recipients by visiting our [2014 Award Recipients](#) page!





15th Annual Honor Rows Program - Honorees Selected

Great service deserves great recognition, and the Honor Rows program does just that!

During each Ravens home game throughout the 2014 regular season, 14 youth groups or organizations will be recognized for their outstanding volunteer service.

Learn more about our recipients after each home game by visiting our [2014 Honor Rows program](#) page.



Holiday Volunteering Opportunities

'Tis the season of giving, and Maryland volunteer centers are here to help!

Be sure to check out the wonderful holiday volunteering guides from the Volunteer Center for [Anne Arundel](#) County, the Volunteer Center Serving [Howard](#) County, and the [Montgomery](#) County Volunteer Center.

You can also visit the GOSV's interactive [Volunteer Center Map](#) to find a volunteer center near you.



Spotlight On: Montgomery County Volunteer Center

During Montgomery County's Community Service Week 2014, volunteers provided meaningful support to others. There were 159 service projects, which addressed issues related to hunger, the environment, literacy, and more.

Overall, a total of 2,741 volunteers contributed 8,688 hours of service. Additionally, many nonprofits built their volunteer capacity by recruiting new volunteers and engaging them in year-round service.

[Click here](#) to see photos of the service in action!



The GOSV Announces \$199,000 in Volunteer Generation Funds

Eight volunteer connector organizations in Maryland have received funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service through the Volunteer Generation Fund. The GOSV will distribute more than \$199,000 in funding to the organizations selected in this state-wide competitive process.

Volunteer connector organizations are community, faith-based, and government organizations that help individuals, groups, families, and corporate partners become effectively engaged in service to their communities. Each volunteer connector organization will receive a grant of up to \$25,000 to increase their ability to recruit and retain volunteers in diverse opportunities as well as increase other organizations' usage of effective volunteer management practices.

Additionally, some volunteer connector organizations will focus on STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiatives. By the end of the Volunteer Generation Fund grant year, volunteer connector organizations aim to recruit or manage 26,000 Maryland residents who will serve 62,000 hours.

The Volunteer Generation Fund grantees are Business Volunteers Maryland, Cecil County Senior Services & Community Transit, Maryland Business Roundtable for Education, Maryland Science

Olympiad, Montgomery County Volunteer Center, United Way of Frederick County, Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County, and Volunteer Center Serving Howard County.

Learn more about our grantees here: GOSV.maryland.gov/vgfggrantees.html

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